

FIGURE 1

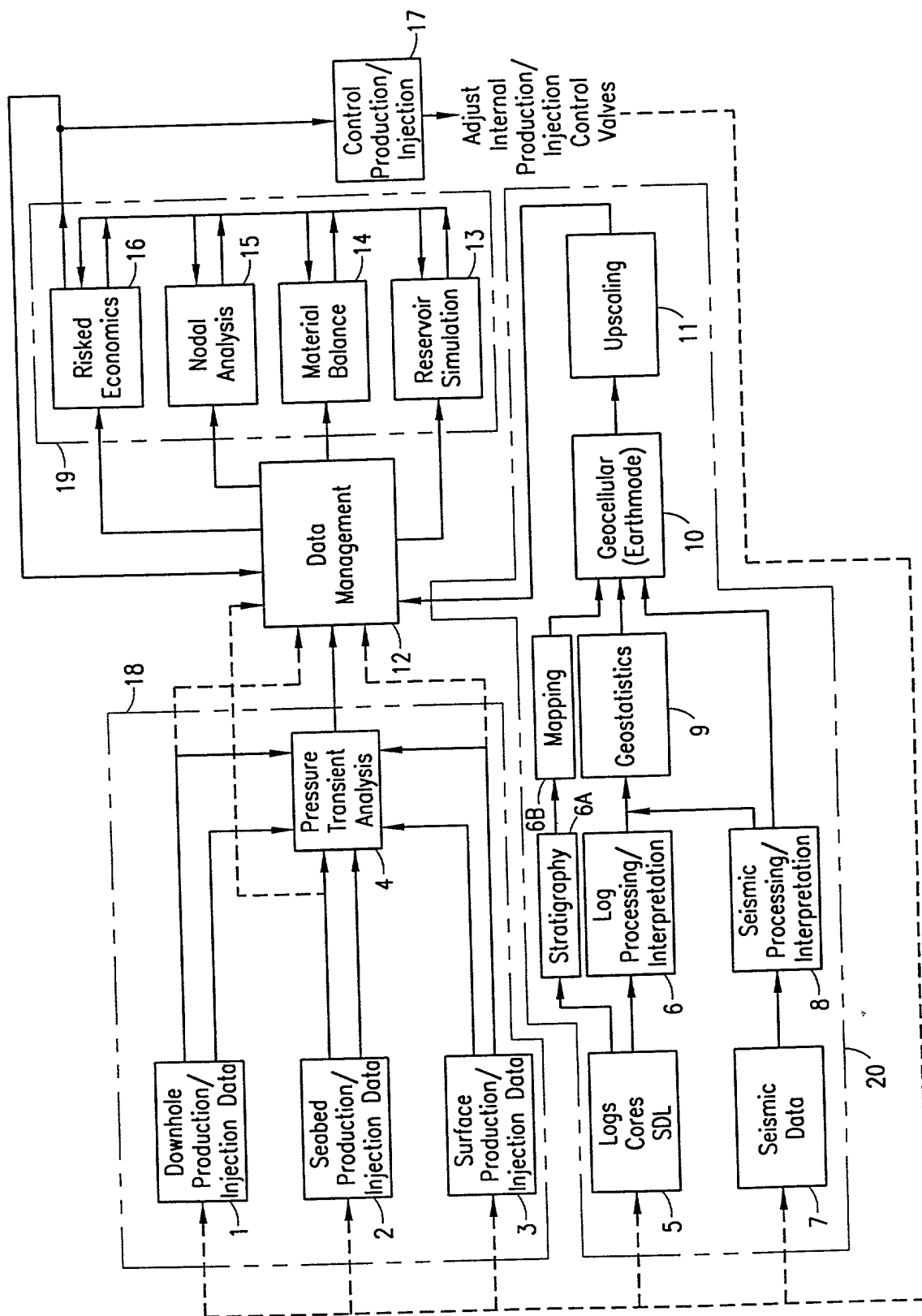


FIG. 2 is a cross-sectional view of the device of FIG. 1, taken along line II-II, showing the device in a curved configuration. The device includes a central shaft 120, a proximal handle 150, and a distal tip 160. The shaft 120 is composed of a series of segments 106, 132, 134, and 136, which are connected by joints 108 and 110. The distal tip 160 is shown in a curved position, with a dashed line indicating its original straight position. The device is shown in a curved configuration, with the shaft 120 bending around a curved surface 102. The proximal handle 150 is shown in a straight position, with a dashed line indicating its original straight position. The device is shown in a curved configuration, with the shaft 120 bending around a curved surface 102. The proximal handle 150 is shown in a straight position, with a dashed line indicating its original straight position.

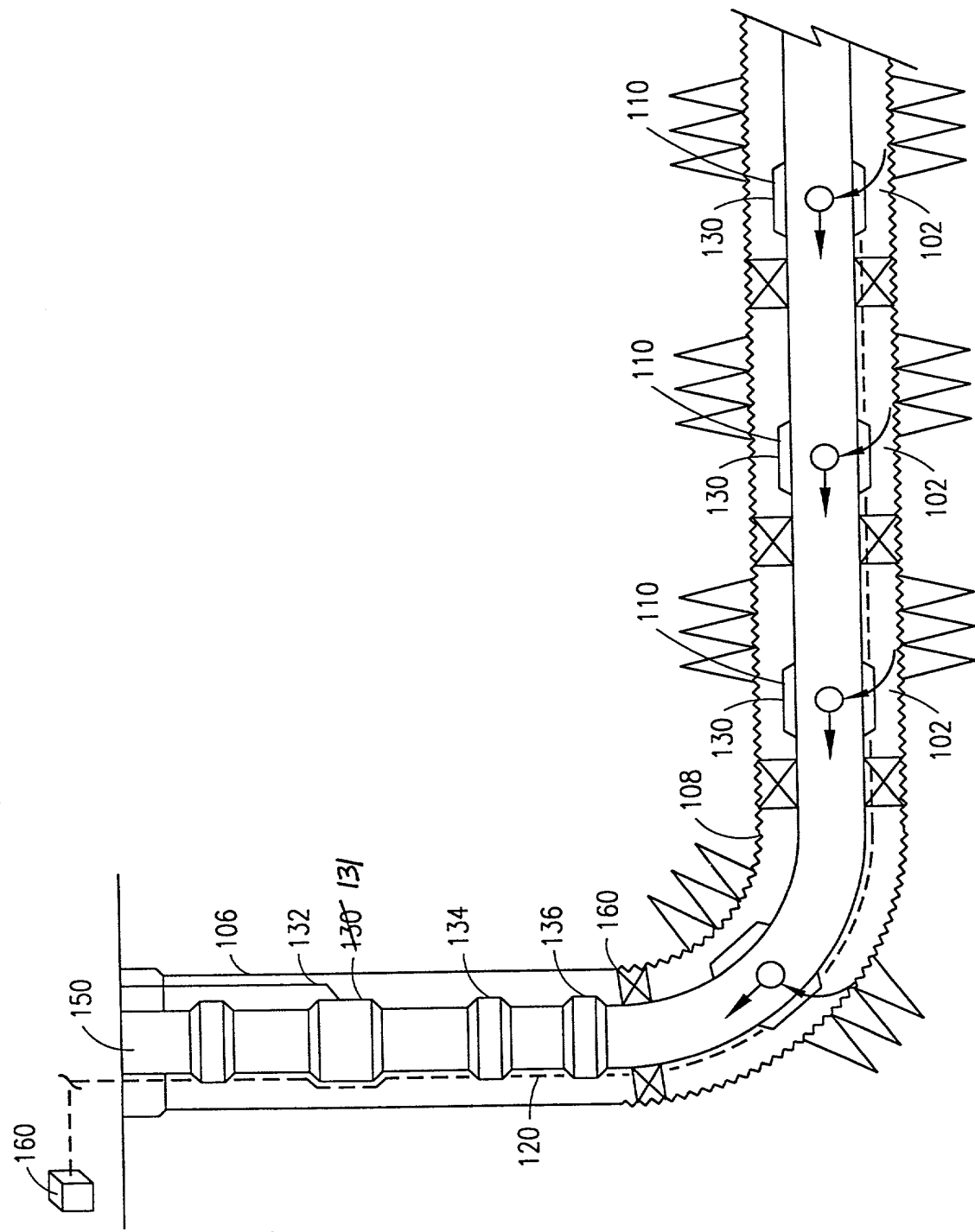


FIGURE 2

FIG. 3 is a perspective view of a device 120 in a closed position. The device 120 includes a body 121 having a central opening 122. The body 121 is formed of a material having a textured surface 123. The body 121 is connected to a handle 124. The handle 124 is formed of a material having a textured surface 125. The handle 124 is connected to a base 126. The base 126 is formed of a material having a textured surface 127.

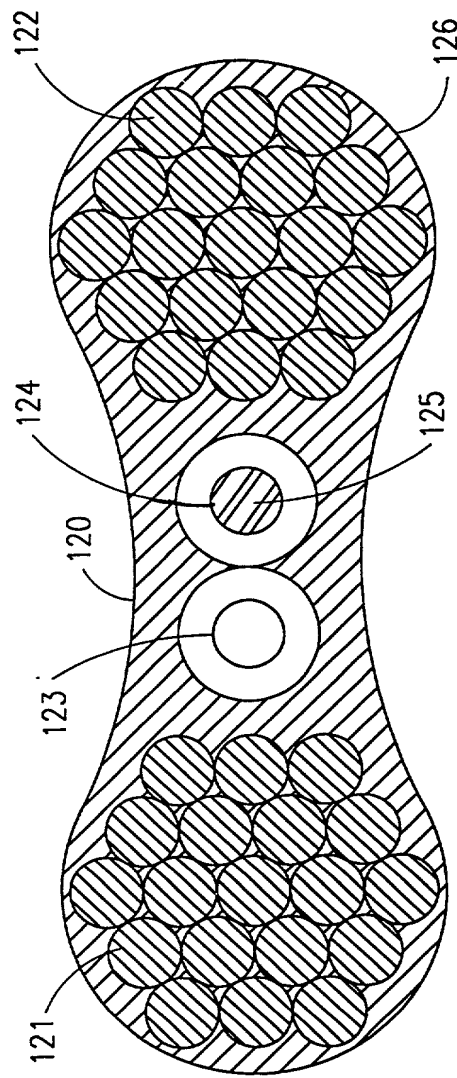


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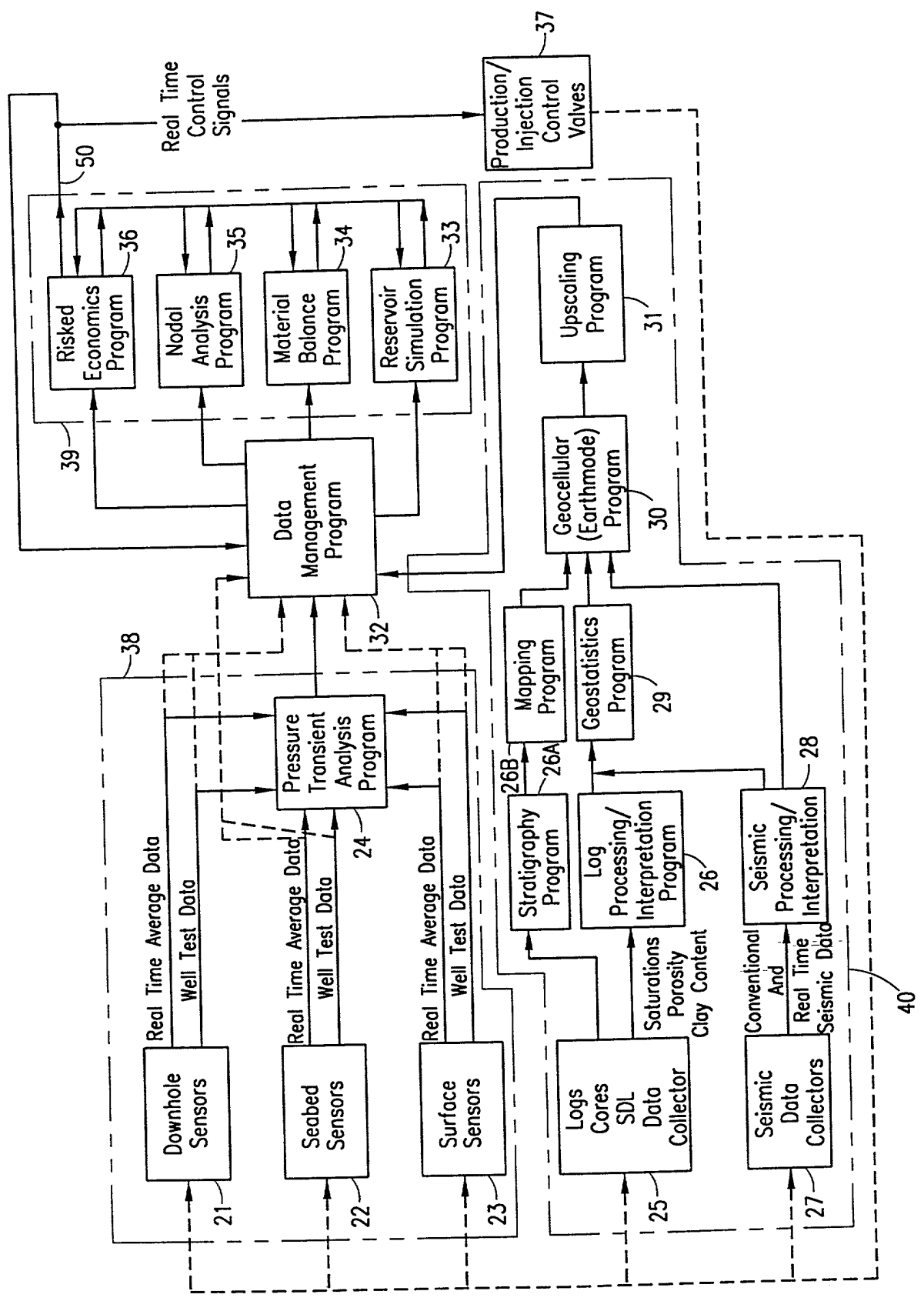


FIG. 4A is a block diagram of a control system 400. The control system 400 includes an information collector 401, an information storage unit 402, an information processor (CPU) 403, and a monitored/controlled condition 404. The information collector 401 is connected to the information storage unit 402. The information storage unit 402 is connected to the information processor (CPU) 403. The information processor (CPU) 403 is connected to the monitored/controlled condition 404. The monitored/controlled condition 404 is connected to the information collector 401.

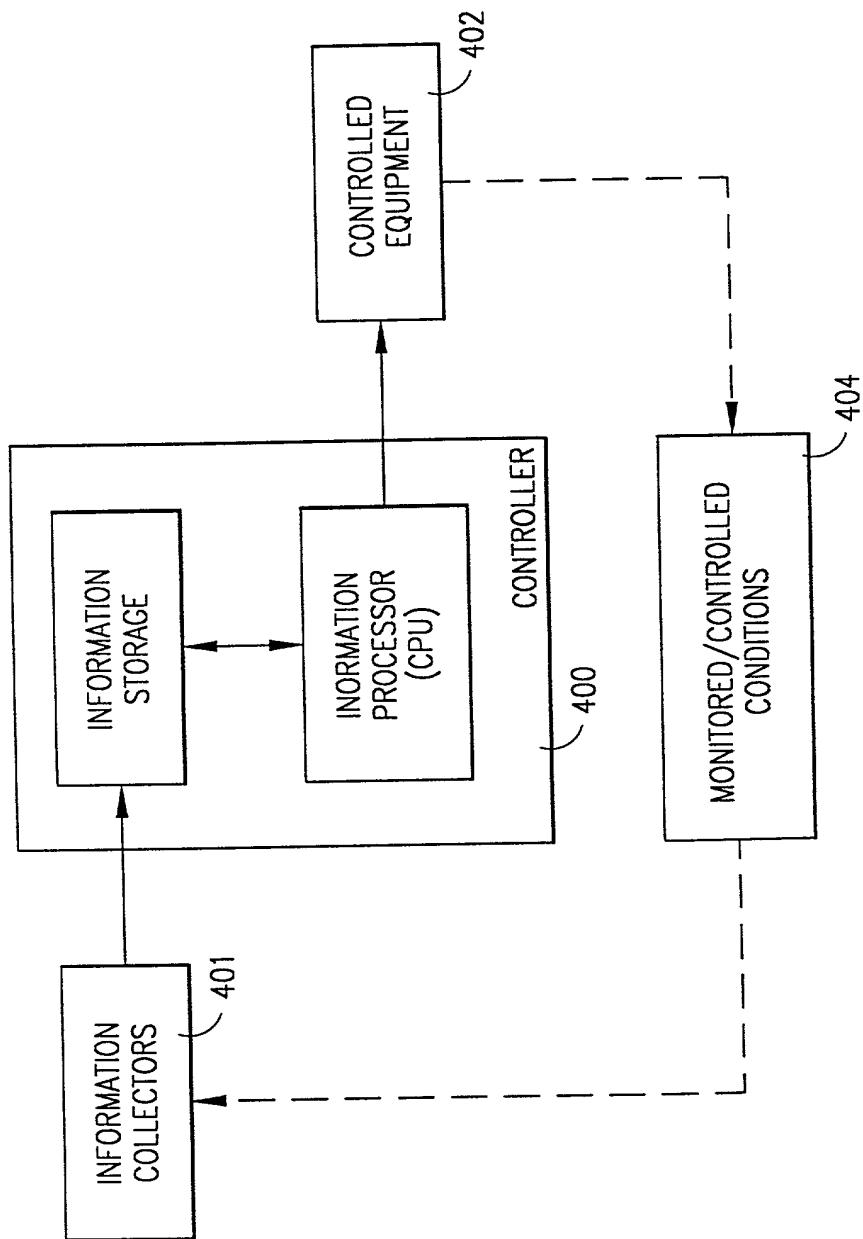


FIGURE 4A

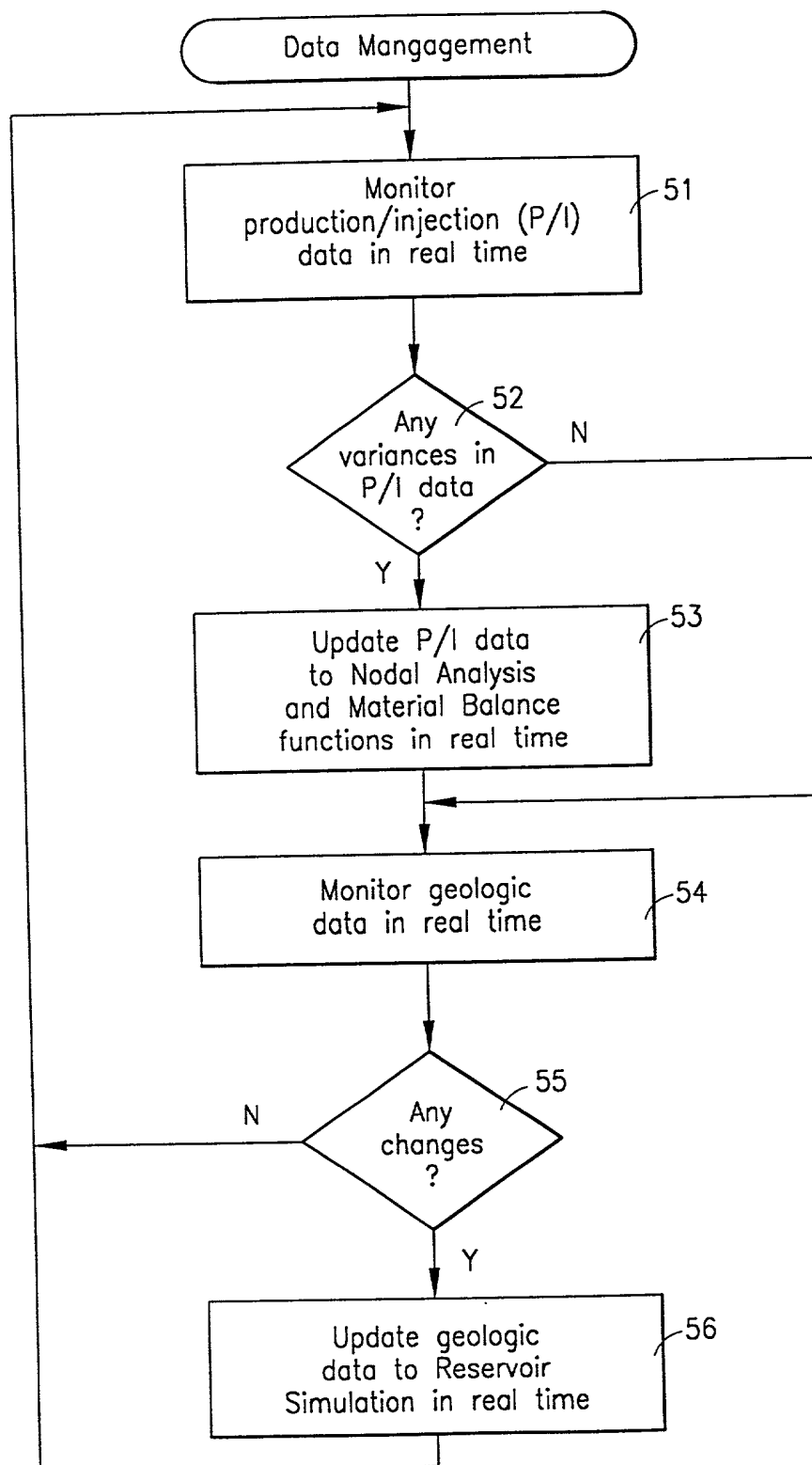


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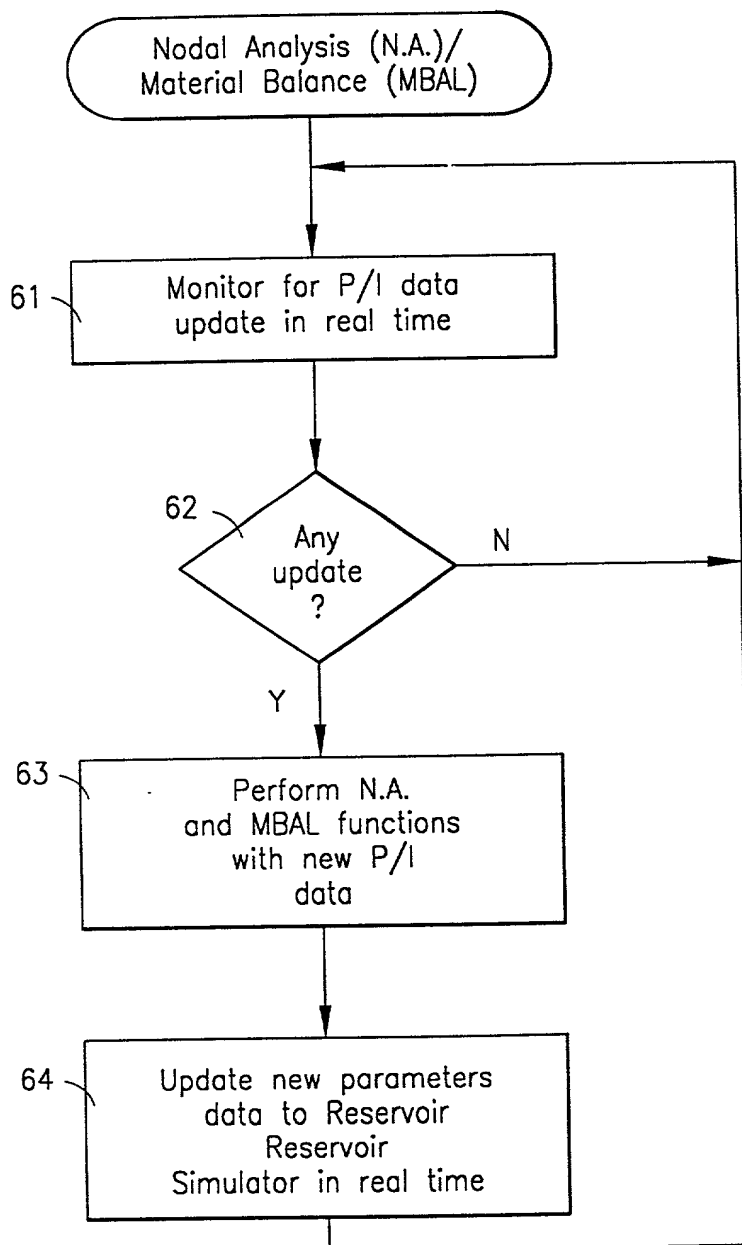


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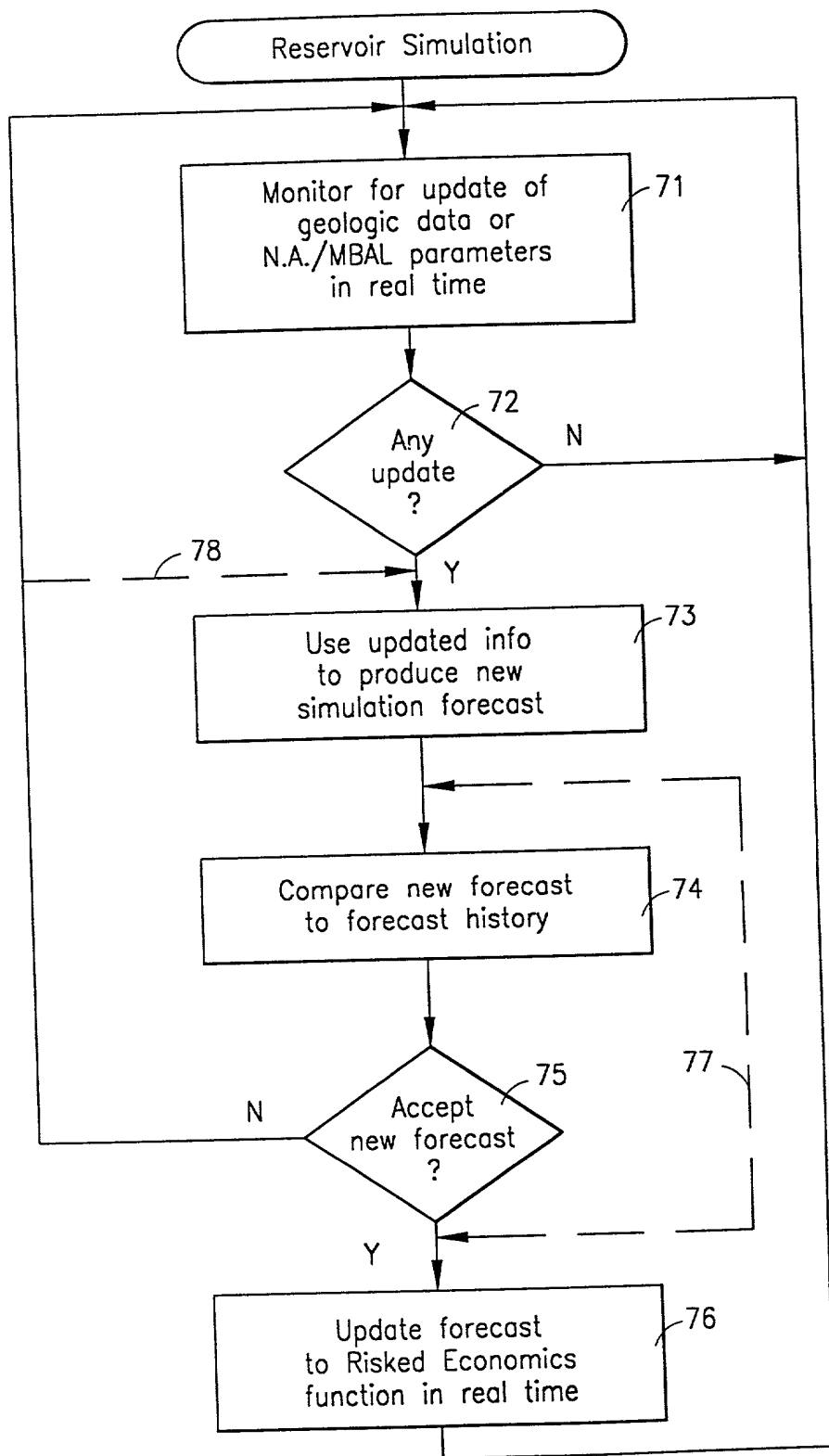


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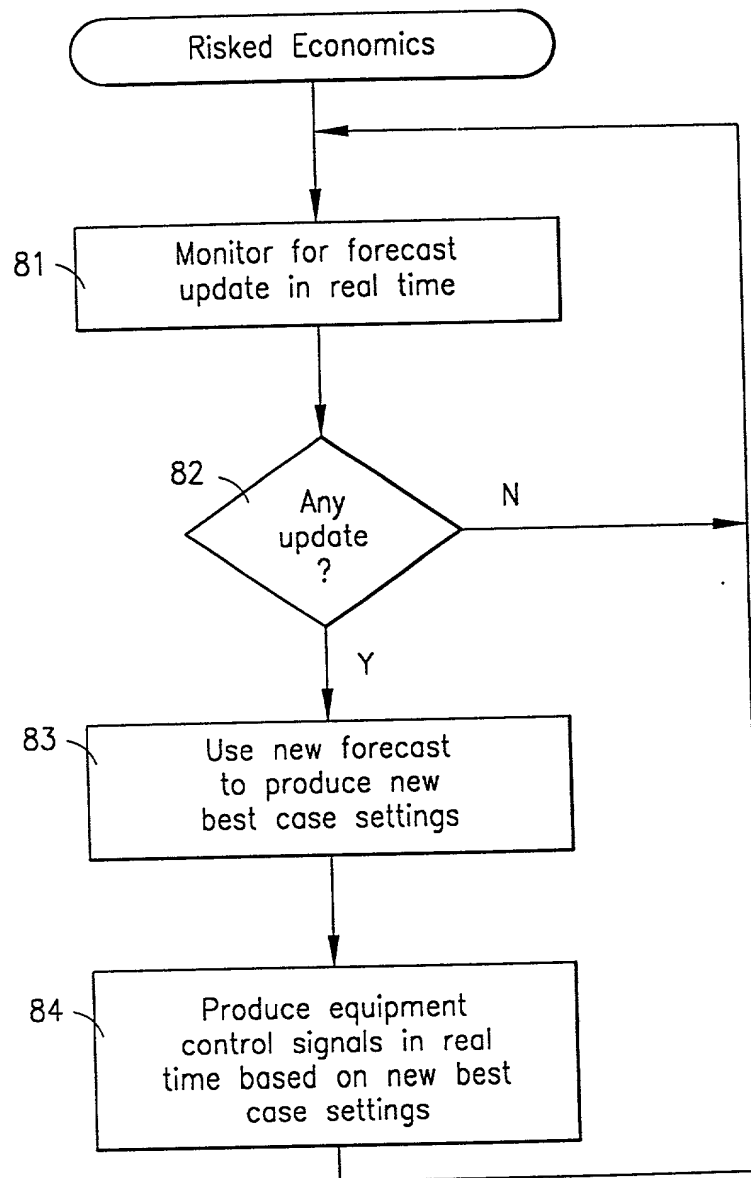


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